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- 1. PAPERS OF SEPT 10 ALL CARRY WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF "SLIGHT PROGRESS" AT CAMP DAVID. EDITORIALLY, MODERATE AL QUDS DISCUSSES THE LACK OF NEWS FROM CAMP DAVID. PALESTINIAN NATIONALIST ASHA'B ASK "IN WHOSE COURT WILL THE BALL BE AFTER CAMP DAVID" AND CALLS FOR CONCERTED ARAB ACTION AGAINST AMERICAN INTERESTS IN THE AREA. AL FAJR (PRO-PLO) AGAIN LOST ITS EDITORIAL TO THE CENSOR.
- 2. AL QUDS HEADLINES READ "PEACE TALKS SWING BETWEEN SUCCESS AND FAILURE; PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN SPITE OF BASIC DIFFERENCES; NO RESULTS EXPECTED BEFORE TUESDAY." ITS EDITORIAL DISCUSSES THE REASONS FOR SECRECY AT THE TALKS AND CONCLUDES THAT "UNTIL THIS SUMMIT ISSUES A STATEMENT WE WILL CONTINUE HEARING OPINIONS AND REPORTS WITH INTERPRETATIONS...THAT DO NOT REFLECT THE REALITY OF WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON. AT ANY RATE, WE SHALL NOT HAVE TO WAIT LONG UNTIL...THE POSITIONS THAT WILL DETERMINE THE COURSE OF EVENTS FOR THIS AREA, WAITING AT A DECISIVE CROSSROAD, WILL BE CLARIFIED."

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3. ASHA'B RUNS SIMILAR HEADLINES AS AL QUDS BUT EDITORIALLY PREDICTS FAILURE OF THE CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE A "DEATH BLOW" TO ARAB CONSERVATIVES THAT WILL "PLACE THE BALL IN THE HANDS OF ARAB RADICALS WHO REJECT AMERICAN METHODS AND IDEAS OF DEALING WITH THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS." ASHA'B BELIEVES "AS LONG AS AMERICAN INTERESTS IN THE AREA ARE SECURE THE US WILL REMAIN MYOPIC AND DEAF TO ARAB RIGHTS." "ONLY WHEN THE FLOW

OF BLACK GOLD AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT FOR AMERICAN GOODS AND INTERESTS IN THE ARAB WORLD ENDS...WILL THE US ACT AND RESPOND TO ARAB AND PALESTINIAN JUST AND LEGITIMATE RIGHTS."

4. AL FAJR FEATURES WIRE SERVICE REPORTS THAT "CARTER SUGGESTS A RETURN OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA TO JORDAN WITH AN ISRAELI MILITARY PRESENCE" AND "ISRAELI UNITS IN THE SINAI TO BE REPLACED BY AMERICAN FORCES." THE PAPER'S EDITORIAL FOR THE DAY READS "SORRY" INDICATING THAT IT WAS NOT ACCEPTED BY THE MILITARY CENSOR.

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